## **Resolution in Support of House Bill 5379**

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, on November 6, 2013, voted to levy a tax on county real property, using Act 88 of 1913 (MCLA 46.161) as justification; and

WHEREAS, this tax was levied without a vote of the people of Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this committee that the levy of this tax is a violation of Article IX, Section 6 of The Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, as amended by initiative effective December 23, 1978, commonly known as The Headlee Amendment; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 5379 introduced March 4, 2014, would repeal Act 88, thus removing the justification for this tax and restoring the right of the people of Washtenaw County to vote on any future proposed tax increases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Committee of the Washtenaw County Republican Party, that House Bill No. 5379 should be passed into law with the soonest possible effective date.

This Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Washtenaw County Executive Committee on May 8, 2014.

John K. Taylor, Chairman

Washtenaw County Republican Executive Committee

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